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ALONG THE TRAIL

BULLETIN OF THE BEAR MOUNTAIN TRAILSIDE MUSEUM

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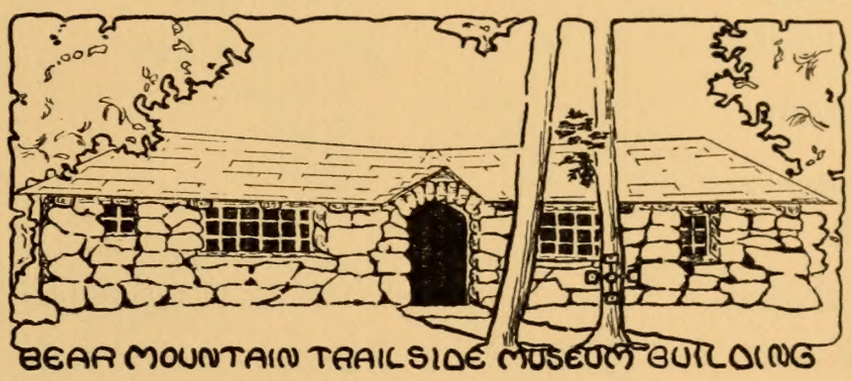

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

On the rocky slopes of the Hudson River, in the foothills of the Highlands, this small building, made of glacial boulders, stands in Bear Mountain's shadow.

Two miles of labeled Nature Trails lead onward through surrounding peaceful woods, fields, and brook-lands. The Trailside Museum is a focus point for all paths.

Events in the changing lives of living plants and animals are related both indoors and out. Rocks also speak for themselves.

Each year since 1927, the Trails and Museum have been opened to the public in May and closed in October.

New and varied methods of nature presentation are constantly being developed as one season passes into the next.

Simplicity is the key-note along the trails. Nature tells her own story in her own way.

FOOD

Many, many letters come to us, from all parts of the country, asking,

"What shall we feed the creatures in our out-of-door museums?"

Here follows a list of some common animals in our Trailside Museum together with the food they have accepted from us:

Pickerel Frog
- Earthworms
- Pickerel Frogs
- Tadpoles
- Salamanders
- Newts
- Spring Peepers
- Beetles
- Grubs
- Flies and Ants

Tree Frog
- Flies and Ants
- Grasshoppers
- Katydids
- Caterpillars

Box Turtle
- Beetles
- Earthworms
- Meat Loaf
- Chopped Beef

Muhlenberg Turtle
- Earthworms
- Pickerel Frogs
- Spring Peepers
- Beetles, Flies, and Ants
- Grasshoppers and Crickets
- Chopped Beef and Meat Loaf
- Tadpoles and Newts

Hog-nosed Snake
- Toads
- Green and Pickerel Frogs
- Tadpoles and Newts

Blue-tailed Lizard
- Flies and Crickets

Crayfish
- Earthworms

White-footed Mice
- Bird Seed
- Bread
- Meat
- Potatoes

Pilot Black Snake
- Mice and Chipmunks

Bullfrog
- Prionid and Other Beetles
- Earthworms
- Tadpoles
- Green and Pickerel Frogs
- American Toad
- Salamanders
- Newts and Efts
- Dragon-fly
  (Larvæ and Adult)
- Crayfish
- Grasshoppers and Crickets
- Bumble-bees
- Water-boatmen
- Backswimmers
- Flies
- Butterflies and Moths
- Spring Peepers
- Caterpillars
- Ants
- Different Larvæ and Grubs
- Garter, Ribbon and Water Snakes
- Mice

Green Frog
- Earthworms

Tadpoles
Spring Peepers
Pickerel Frogs
Beetles
Moths
Flies and Ants
Newts
Salamanders

Garter Snake
Garter Snakes
Frogs

Crows
Bread
Crackers
Meat
Milk
Eggs
Insects

Dragon-fly Larvæ
Tadpoles of Frogs
Salamanders and Newts

Backswimmers
Tadpoles of Frogs
Newts and Salamanders

Snapping Turtles, Wood, Musk and Spotted
Earthworms and Meat Loaf
Chopped Beef

American and Fowler's Toad
Ants and Flies
Caterpillars
Grasshoppers
Beetles
Earthworms
Tree Hoppers
Spiders
Grubs
Hornets and Bees
Whirligigs
Many other Insects

Skunk
Bread
Meat
Milk
Crackers
Eggs
Beetles
Grasshoppers
Crickets and Earthworms

Painted Turtle
Earthworms
Chopped Beef
Meat Loaf

Giant Water Beetle
Flies
Tadpoles
Small Fish
Water Newts
Water Beetles

Ribbon Snake
Garter Snakes
Frogs

Salamanders
Earthworms and Grubs
Mealworms

Tiger Beetles
Flies

Green Snake
Grasshoppers
Crickets
Caterpillars

Write to Us!

We are always interested in the feeding and general care of captive animals, whether they be fish, reptile, amphibia, bird or mammal. We would appreciate hearing from others about their successes or failures in satisfying the animal appetite.

NOTE: The above menu is reprinted from TRAILSIDE CONVERSATIONS.

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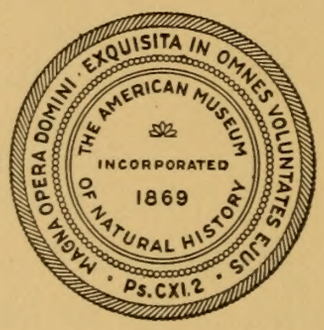

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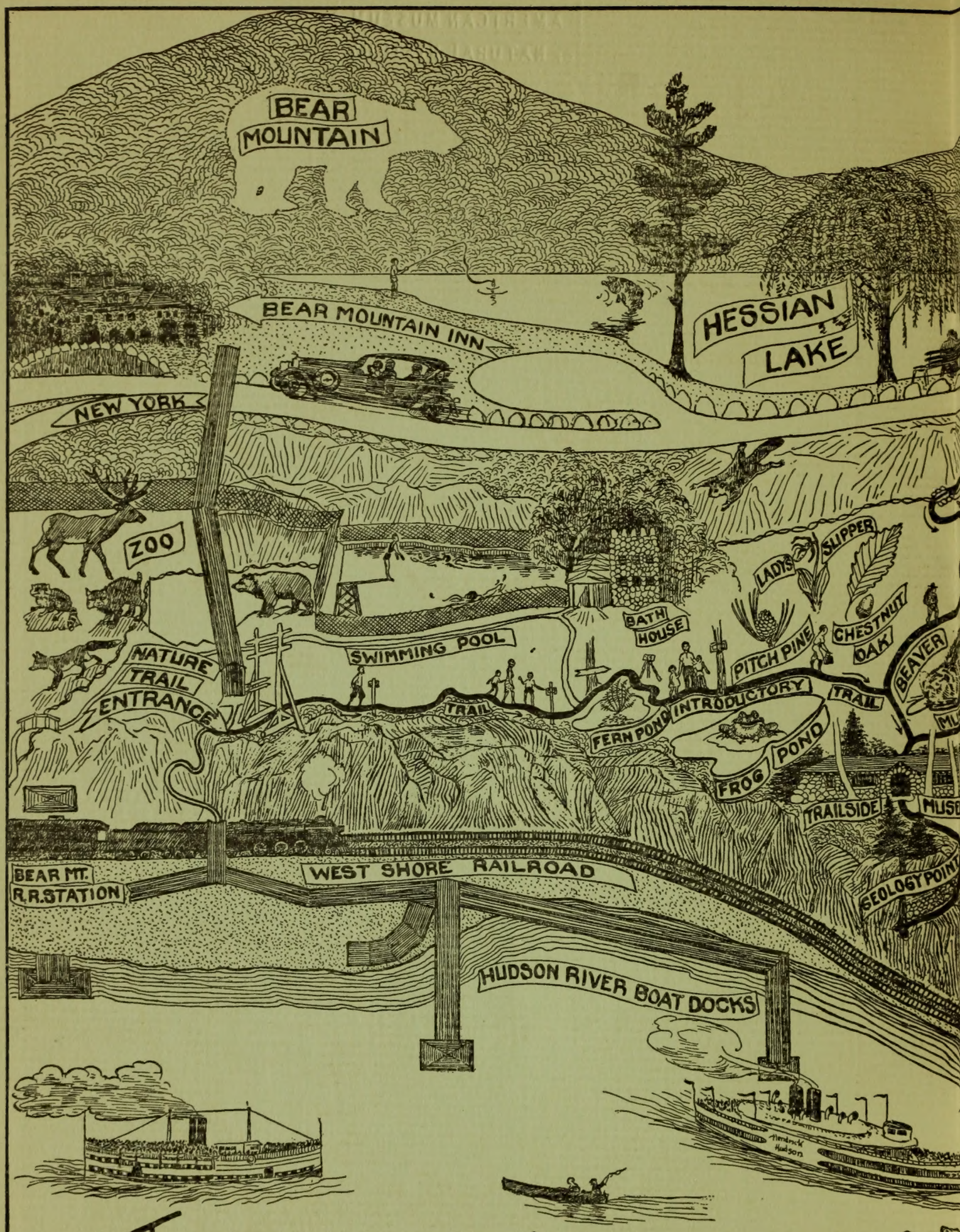

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Map by Merle V. Keith

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